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1. At 0930 hours GMT on 20 September 1955, two small naval vessels were underway on a northerly course about two nautical miles north of Kuyskiy Point (N65-06, E40-03). [redacted] but it was not possible to observe details. At the same time, the radar registered five small vessels about 11 nautical miles west of Kuyskiy Point. 25X1
2. At 0900 hours GMT on 24 September, a naval vessel [redacted] was en route to Arkhangelsk in the Severnaya Dvina River off Sawmill No. 25X1 16/17. It was traveling at a speed of about 15 knots. It was 100 to 150 feet long and had a perpendicular bow; a raised forecastle slightly less than one-fourth the length of the ship; and one funnel. The super-25X1 structure extended from far forward to the break in the deck. On the bridge stood a relatively tall mast or stand, conical in shape, constructed of welded or riveted steel plate. At the top of this was an approximately 25X1 one meter high cylindrical object, atop which was a large scanner which was not rotating. Aft of the funnel was an antiaircraft gun; near the stern stood a gun in a shield. (See Sketch No. 1 [redacted])

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3. [redacted] The vessel [redacted] lay farthest out. It had a raked stern, a gun in a shield on the foredeck, a box-shaped bridge structure with a mast approximately in the middle, the break in the deck about at the after edge of the bridge structure, a funnel, a **deckhouse** abaft the funnel, and two objects resembling paravanes on the afterdeck, each with two large fins. (See Sketch No. 2.) The other vessels [redacted] were identical to the vessel [redacted] except that it was the only one that was equipped with paravanes. [redacted]

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The vessel [] was a flush deck ship with no sheer in the deck. It had a raked bow, a gun in a shield on the foredeck, a box-shaped bridge with a mast, a funnel of the same height as the bridge, twin antiaircraft guns abaft the funnel, and two guns in shields on the centerline on the afterdeck. The four vessels landward of the one [] were of the same class. (See Sketch No. 3.) Just after this observation was made, vessels [] came up the river toward Solombala. They were identical to the one []. At 1430 hours GMT on 28 September, a ship [] was observed en route up the Severnaya Dvina River off Chizhov Island. It was a flush deck ship with a slight sheer in the deck, and was possibly a little longer than the ship with pennant number 902. It had a raked stern, a gun in a shield on the foredeck, a comparatively high bridge structure with a mast, an open radar scanner atop the mast, a funnel lower than the bridge structure with a distinct break in the after edge, twin antiaircraft guns abaft the funnel, two guns in shields on the centerline on the afterdeck, and two covered objects at the stern. (See Sketch No. 4.) At 1400 hours GMT on 29 September, the vessels [] were observed maneuvering back and forth at a low speed in the river, off Chizhov Island. []

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4. At 0900 hours GMT on 30 September, a medium large naval vessel was observed about 10 nautical miles off the mouth of Kola Inlet on a southeasterly heading. At 1100 hours GMT on the same day, the conning tower of a submarine was observed in the area northeast of Cape Teriberskiy. It was long and angular, with a step on the after edge. There was no gun on the conning tower.
5. At 0720 hours GMT on 1 October, a submarine [] on a north-northwesterly course, was observed at H69-50, E33-40. It had a short mast on the foredeck, two steps in the forward edge of the conning tower, two objects resembling periscopes atop the tower, and one gun on the afterdeck. The submarine lurched sharply in the fairly heavy sea. [] Viewed at target angle 315° the steps in the forward edge of the tower were visible and it looked as if the gun were placed in a step on the after edge of the conning tower. (See Sketch No. 5a.) Viewed at a target angle of 225° the steps on the forward edge of the conning tower were not visible, and it could be seen that the gun was placed in a separate structure abaft the tower. (See Sketch No. 5b.)
6. At 0800 hours GMT on 5 October, five small naval vessels passed Solombala en route down the Severnaya Dvina River. They were flush deck ships, with one gun in a shield on the foredeck, a bridge structure with a signal mast, a low bridge, a funnel abaft the bridge, and several guns on the afterdeck. The same vessels returned to the naval station at Solombala on 7 October.
7. At 0725 hours GMT on 20 September, a seaplane on a westerly course was observed at position H05-25, E39-22. It was a flying boat, with twin-engines, high gull wings, and stabilizing floats under the wing tips. At 1115 hours GMT on 27 September, two jet planes were observed on a northwesterly course over Arkhangelsk. They had twin jet engines attached under the wings comparatively close to the fuselage; and straight blunt-tipped wings placed far back on the fuselage. An undetermined number of twin-engine transport planes and some small single engine bi-planes were observed on Kegostrov Airfield. On one occasion a single-engine jet plane with sharply swept-back wings and tail assembly was observed over Arkhangelsk. It came from the south and disappeared in a northerly direction.

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8. The quay for Sawmill No. 3/4 was about 400 meters long and had about 25 meters of free breadth. There were four sheds in from the quay, three of them apparently new. Back of the sheds, about 50 meters from the quay there was an approximately 100 meter long track building under construction. The walls had barely been begun. Above the sawmill there was a factory area. A side track ran into the factory area from the trolley track from Arhangelsk to Sawmill No. 3/4. Below the factory there were large piles of lumber. There were five or six large cranes on the quay in Bakaritsa. There was much railway traffic to and from the quay. At 0930 hours GWT on 21 September, a train with two steam locomotives and 29 freight cars was northbound. At 0630 hours GWT on 22 September, a southbound train with one steam locomotive and an undetermined number of freight cars was observed. At 1100 hours GWT on the same day, a southbound train with one steam locomotive and an undetermined number of freight cars was observed. A floating crane lay off the quay. [redacted] On the south bank of Nikolskiy Sleeve there was a ferry station located at about 240-24. A single-track railway line went right down to the water there. Due east of Kegostrov Ferry Station, piles had been driven down into the water, as if a quay were under construction. The trip by ferry from Sawmill No. 5/7 to Arhangelsk took about 50 minutes. From No. 5/7 it was about a quarter hour's trip to the first stopping place on the south side of Nikolskiy Sleeve. From there the ferry went directly to Arhangelsk. The ferry schedule was:

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From Sawmill No. 5/7 to Arhangelsk (Local Time)	From Arhangelsk to Sawmill No. 5/7
1315	0620
1430	0730
1545	0900
1650	1025
2010	1200
2330	1310
0620	1430
0735	1610
0850	1720
1000	1850
1140	2030
	2220
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9. An officer with a large star on gold epaulettes was observed at the restaurant of the Inturist Hotel. He was about 60 years old; about 170 cm tall, with nearly silver grey hair and a mustache like Stalin; strong facial features; and a powerful, muscular build. It was said that his name was Sobolev and that he was a general in the **Air Force**. Above his decoration ribbons were suspended two small stars from red ribbons. The Soviets plainly had great respect for these stars. They were hero stars, it was said. Only three generals had three such stars, and only 70 officers had two stars.
10. On arrival at Arhangelsk the inspection commission consisted of three men and two women. One of the men was dressed in civilian clothes; the second wore an army uniform with epaulettes having one stripe running lengthwise and four stars. The third man wore a grey uniform with two stars on the jacket lapel. A gold stripe ran through these stars and above them there was an insignia consisting of two crossed figures. (See Sketch No. 6.) One of the women had a uniform like the third man above. The other was a civilian. The civilian woman sealed the radio transmitter. The radar was not placed under seal. It was used one time during the stay in port and no protests were made. On departure the same commission as on arrival, plus an extra man in army uniform, with three stars on his epaulettes, made the inspection.

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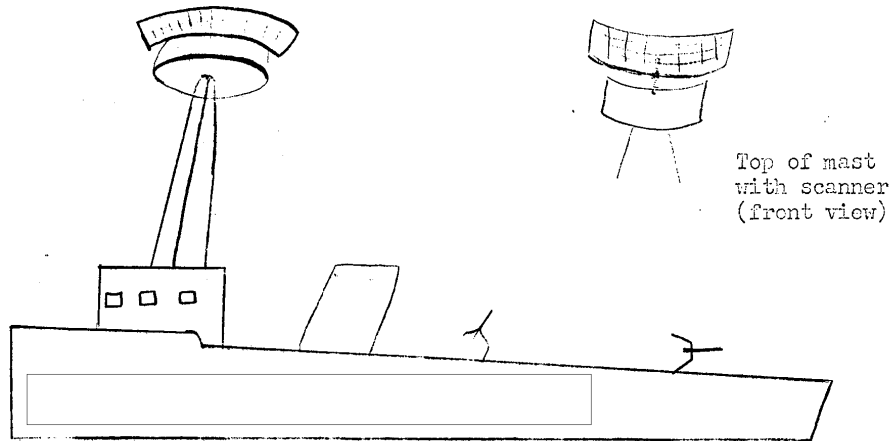
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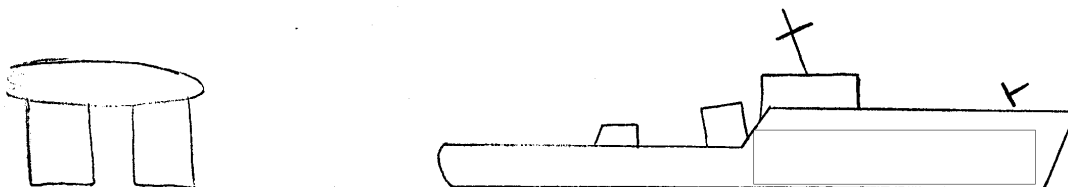
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Sketch No. 2:

Vessels at Solombala:



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Paravane with two large keels

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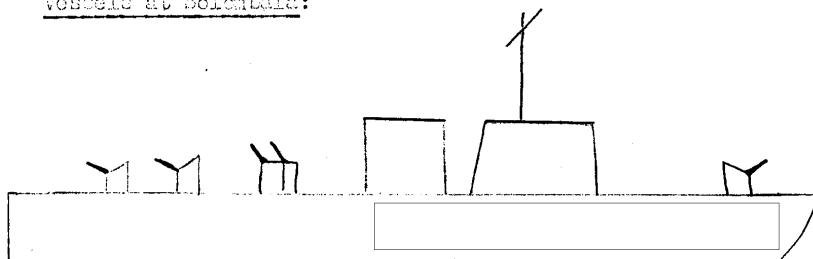
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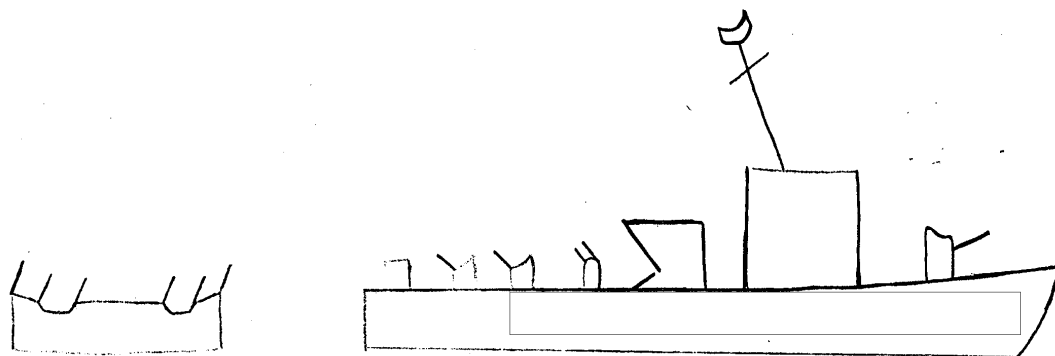
Vessels at Solomula:



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Vessel off Ghizhov Island:



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The stern viewed from above

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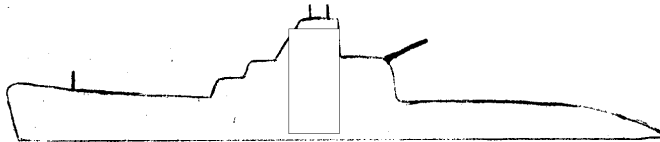
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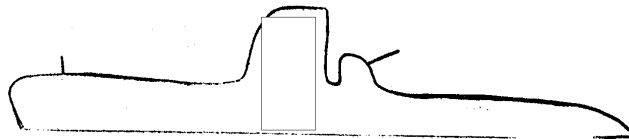
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Submarine in the Barents Sea:



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Submarine observed at target angle of 315°



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Submarine observed at target angle of 225°

Sketch No. 6:

Insignia on inspector's uniform:



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